

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action dated February 28, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The Examiner issued a Final Action on December 16, 2002. Applicant submitted a Response to Examiner's Final Action on February 17, 2003. The Examiner issued an Advisory Action on February 28, 2003 stating that the Response to Examiner's Final Action would not be entered because it raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Applicant respectfully requests that the Response to Examiner's Final Action be entered and considered by the Examiner pursuant to this Request for Continued Examination. The claims provided above reflect the claims as they were presented in the Response to Examiner's Final Action.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-27.

Attached herewith is a check in an amount of \$375.00 made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" to satisfy the request for continued examination fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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